

Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)	
PLAINTIFFS ESTER M. HAILEY TRUST BY VERA L. HAILEY, TRUSTEE		DEFENDANTS JOHN DAVID HAILEY	
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CAUSE OF ACTION (Write a brief statement of cause of action, including all U. S. Statutes involved) Motion to Determine the Dischargeability of a Debt			
NATURE OF SUIT (Check the one most appropriate box only)			
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ORIGIN OF PROCEEDINGS (Check one box only)			<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23
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DEMAND N/A	NEAREST THOUSAND \$0.00	OTHER RELIEF SOUGHT: Determine dischargeability of a debt	<input type="checkbox"/> JURY DEMAND
BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES			
NAME OF DEBTOR(S) JOHN DAVID HAILEY		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 22-50204	
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Western District of Virginia		NAME OF JUDGE Honorable Rebecca B Connelly, Judge	
DIVISIONAL OFFICE Harrisonburg, Virginia			
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)			
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT	DIVISIONAL OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
FILING FEE (Check one box only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Not Required <input type="checkbox"/> Fee is Deferred			
Date 8/15/2022	Print Name Roland S. Carlton, Jr., Esq.	Signature of Attorney (Or Plaintiff) /s/ Roland S. Carlton, Jr. _____	

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
HARRISONBURG DIVISION**

IN RE: JOHN DAVID HAILEY
Debtor

**COMPLAINT
MOTION TO DETERMINE THE
DISCHARGEABILITY OF A DEBT**

ESTER M. HAILEY TRUST,
by and through VERA L. HAILEY, TRUSTEE
Plaintiff

Case number: 22-50204

V.
JOHN DAVID HAILEY
Defendant

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, the Ester M. Hailey Trust, by and through Vera L. Hailey, Trustee, by counsel, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(4) and 11 U.S.C. 523(a)(6), and pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7001(6), and moves the Court to enter an Order holding that the debt of approximately \$24,819.87, plus interest, fees & attorney fees, to be nondischargeable, in support of which plaintiff states as follows:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C §157 and 28 U.S.C. §1334 and this matter is a core proceeding.
2. That, pursuant to the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Stern v. Marshall, 131 S.Ct. 2594 (2011), Plaintiff requests a final decision on the merits of this motion.
3. The Debtor John David Hailey has filed a chapter 13 bankruptcy petition on or about May 13, 2022.
4. This Court has not entered an Order confirming Debtor's chapter 13 plan.
5. Ester M. Hailey, mother of both the plaintiff and defendant, passed away on November 1, 2017. (Exhibit 1).

6. According to the Last Will and Testament of Ester M. Hailey, Defendant John David Hailey was appointed Trustee of the Ester M. Hailey Trust created by the Will. (Exhibit 2)
7. On or about November 9, 2018, while acting as the Trustee of the Ester M. Hailey Trust, Defendant John David Hailey withdrew \$24,819.87 from the bank account of the Ester M. Hailey Trust without preparing any documentation or receipt explaining the reason for which the money was withdrawn. (Exhibit 3)
8. The Augusta County Court, by Order entered August 2, 2019, removed John David Hailey as Trustee of the Ester M. Hailey Trust for failing, e.g., to assert a meritorious defense to the claims of the Complaint filed by Vera L. Hailey, *et al.*, in said Court. (Exhibit 4) Vera L. Hailey was appointed Trustee of the Ester M. Hailey Trust. (Exhibit 4).
9. By and through the actions of withdrawing \$24,819.87 without providing a meritorious explanation to the Augusta County Circuit Court and Vera L. Hailey, current Trustee of the Ester M. Hailey Trust, Defendant John David Hailey has committed fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity, embezzlement, or larceny, and, accordingly, this debt owed to Ester M. Hailey Trust should be excepted from discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(4).
10. By and through the actions of withdrawing \$24,819.87 without providing a meritorious explanation to the Augusta County Circuit Court and Vera L. Hailey, current Trustee, Defendant John David Hailey has committed willful and malicious injury by the debtor to another entity or to the property of another entity, and this debt owed to the Ester M. Hailey Trust should be excepted from discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(6).

11. Furthermore, Plaintiff should be granted relief from the automatic stay imposed by 11 U.S.C. §362 to permit Plaintiff to exercise state court non-bankruptcy options to pursue the debt set forth above subsequent to the Court holding the debt is excepted from discharge.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court enter an Order holding that the debt of \$24,819.87, plus interest, fees, and attorney fees, be excepted from discharge pursuant to either 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(4), 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(6), or both, and the Court further enter an Order granting Plaintiff relief from the automatic stay imposed by 11 U.S.C. §362 to permit Plaintiff to exercise state court non-bankruptcy options.

Date Mailed: 8/15/2022

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CERTIFICATE

I, Roland S. Carlton, Jr., Esq., do hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of this Complaint Motion to Determine the Dischargeability of a Debt, was delivered by ECF and email on August 15, 2022 to:

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